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The Honorable John N. McMahon  
Deputy Director  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear John:

*John*

This is in response to Mr. Casey's letter of December 7, 1982, and your letter of December 8, 1982, which requested adjustment of the Central Intelligence Agency's 1983 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and Senior Intelligence Service (SIS) ceilings. A revised ceiling of [ ] FTE in 1983 is approved. (S)

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Regarding your requested increase in CIA's 1983 SIS ceiling, I believe it is prudent to defer action at this time so that 1983-85 needs can be addressed by you and OMB in parallel with OPM's biennial review of SES positions and ceiling allocations. Your review, covering 1983-85 SIS needs for personnel appointed under CIA's personnel authority, should be generally consistent with OPM procedures and submitted to OMB. Our staffs will work together to complete action prior to your June promotion deadline. (S)

Sincerely,

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